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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 22, 2000, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 51 and 54.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 19, 23, 27, 30, 31, 34, 44, 46 and 48 to read as follows:

- 1. (Fifth Amendment) An in vitro method of enhancing the transcription of a gene in a DNA construct incorporated into the genome of a eukaryotic host cell, said DNA construct comprising a structural gene for a desired protein or polypeptide and a gene promoter upstream of the structural gene, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) transfecting the eukaryotic host cell to incorporate six copies of an enhancer element upstream of the promoter, and